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22.		Favor	Aayat Ali	<p>Hello--</p> <p>I am a resident of Los Angeles County and a strong advocate for the unhoused and people returning home from incarceration. I currently work in the affordable housing space, but have touched criminal justice reform policy in previous positions and continue to follow updates on ATI and ODR. It is in the best interest of the reentry community to create a new, population focused JCOD department and ODR should be housed within it.</p> <p>The reason below highlight why it is so important as we emerge from the pandemic:</p> <p>It will enable us to access and leverage other funds for justice related work (e.g. potentially CFCI, AB109, Net County Cost, etc.) that we could then contract out to CBOs to provide reentry services. Right now we rely mainly on Prop 47 grant funds, some SB678 funding, and some CFCI funding for all of our work, and we should still be able to receive that funding even if we move to a new agency. This move would not only help us access more funds to expand reentry services but also ensure we can serve a broader population of justice involved individuals, rather than only be able to serve those who meet the specific funding eligibility criteria of Prop 47 and SB678.</p> <p>The new department would be population focused. It would be dedicated exclusively to the needs of the justice involved population and would show the County is holding itself accountable to providing comprehensive services to the population.</p> <p>JCOD could establish a comprehensive rather than patchwork system of services, improving and centralizing referral pathways, data systems, and goals, and it would put the County in a better position to finally realize the vision and goals of the Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative.</p> <p>A centralized department could keep better track of and evaluate how effectively we are serving this population.</p> <p>Having all justice involved population-serving programs under one roof could help better identify service gaps so that we can create a robust continuum of care.</p> <p>Thanks, Aayat</p>	No
			Alex Fierro-Clarke		No



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			Allen Martsch	<p>People are dying in the Los Angeles County jails in record levels. The Office of Inspector General report confirms that in 2021, 55 people died in custody. And 41 people died in 2020. These are record-level deaths in custody and higher than every year going back to at least 2013, under former Sheriff Baca, when 34 people died in the jails. This crisis has been underway under the watch of Sheriff Villanueva, who must take responsibility for the drastic increase in in-custody deaths since he took office.</p> <p>The most effective way to respond to people dying in jails is to drastically reduce the number of people in custody. People are dying of medical crises, drug overdose, COVID-19, and by suicide, all of which can be directly attributed to overcrowding in the jails. More staffing is not the answer. Getting people out of jail is the answer. After reviewing this report, we once again demand that the Board commit to a concrete timeline to close Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>Rather than continue to invest in jails and law enforcement, the County should fund services like housing and mental health support.</p> <p>The jails are places of death. The Board must treat them as such and push for avenues to prevent incarceration and remove those already there</p>	No
			Alpha Tessema		No
			Amanda Lindell		No



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			Ananya Mekonnen		No



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			Annedell Walker		No
			Araya Gebeyehu		No



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			Audrey Lock Blumber		No



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			Bri Price		No



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			Crystal Clark		No



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			Danielle Carne		No
			Darrius Harper	Good morning, Board of Supervisors. My name is Darrius Harper and I am Program Manager with the Alliance for Community Empowerment. ACE provides vocational training programming, personal enrichment, and support services to the reentry community in the West San Fernando Valley. We strongly support motion #22 to create the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department and to move the Reentry Division into it. We believe it is in the best interest of our reentry community because it will bring all the County's Care First, Jails Last efforts under the leadership of one department. Ensuring that services and programs are delivered with a holistic approach and better support the development of services and programming that meet the needs of members of the reentry community. We encourage the Board to continue to take a bold approach to revisioning public safety in Los Angeles County, and believe that motion 22 will move Los Angeles forward. Thank you.	No



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Ephrem Adugna		No
Eric Dean	<p>I am a resident of Los Angeles, and a Community Health Worker with four years of experience working in Health Care and with the Reentry population. I am currently with the SSG/HOPICS organization and their Reentry-Intensive Case Management Service program. I am also a member of the Skid Row Community Improvement Coalition which has worked to promote justice and equity in Skid Row and the greater downtown community.</p> <p>I am writing to support Council Motion #22 and the efforts by the Council and City to form a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to further serve the Reentry community. The most important thing we can do as a society and culture for public safety is to support and promote the health of our community. Addressing the unjust parts of our correctional and criminal justice system's is needed to create greater equity for all. Passing Council Motion #22 will show that the members of our Los Angeles City Council understand and are working toward this goal.</p> <p>Thank you for your support of this motion and your service to our City!</p> <p>Eric Dean</p>	Yes
Eric Lee	While I support the Board moving forward on its commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined and standing up a Department of Youth Development NOW, we	No



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		<p>demand that you fund this department the way you historically fund law enforcement and provide guarantees that you will no longer pour tens of millions of dollars into youth systems of incarceration and punishment.</p> <p>I oppose anything that will delay the establishment of a Department of Youth Development. Standing this department up during this budget cycle MUST be a priority of the BOS as they create the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department.</p> <p>Additionally, the success of these departments depend on the appropriate allocation of funding streams. The success of this motion depends on shifting the bulk of AB109 dollars from the Sheriff and Probation to Youth Centers. The success of this motion depends on the LONG OVERDUE bed number expansion of the Office of Diversion and Reentry. The success of this motion depends on the ATI office's commitment to jail population reduction and adding community-based beds.</p> <p>And lastly, and most importantly, the establishment of this department MUST NOT delay the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand the Board set a concrete timeline for MCJ closure and demand the closure of Men's Central Jail by March 2023.</p>	
	Gavi Klein	<p>Thank you, Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the Care First and Jails Last vision on a County level by creating the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). This motion is a big step in the right direction, but it is critical to remember that it will only be successful if there are specific funding streams included in the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to delayed budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be a successful sign of progress if the Board and the County can commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to their funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are many positive parts of this motion. The community has been asking for an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department for years. This shows that the Board has finally recognized that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released into supportive services led by the community. All eyes are on the Board to ensure that this Pretrial Services agency does not rely on electronic monitoring as a condition of pretrial release, prioritizes contracting with Community Based Organizations, and adheres to its commitment to work independently of the probation department.</p> <p>Placing people awaiting trial into a system run by the same interests that benefit from their incarceration stacks the deck from the start. It goes directly in the face of presuming innocence until proven guilty. Pre-trial services run by Probation de-incentivize fair trials, alternatives to incarceration, and safe return to community. If the goal of the justice system is to increase just outcomes, then we must stop treating people as if they've been convicted</p>	No



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		<p>before they've even gone to court.</p> <p>It's also crucial that the Board remain committed to its other goals for diversion and ATI. The Department of Youth Development (DYD) is a vital component of Youth Justice Reimagined. The Board of Supervisors needs to stay firm in its commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR) and create a new Department of Youth Development no later than July 1, 2022, but preferably before the final budget is passed in June. I am for the creation of a JYOD, but must oppose anything that will delay the establishment of DYD. The Board should allocate the resources necessary to work on both simultaneously. Uprighting DYD in this budget cycle MUST be a priority of the BOS as they create the JCOD.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the positive aspects of this motion do not yet outweigh the motion's limitations. The success of this new department hinges on the allocation of specific funding streams. It also depends on the long overdue bed number expansion at the Office of Diversion and Reentry. This department will not succeed in a vacuum. The ATI office's commitment to jail population reduction and adding community-based beds is a crucial piece that has to be prioritized.</p> <p>And lastly, but most importantly, the establishment of this department must not delay the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand the Board set a concrete timeline for MCJ closure and demand the closure of Men's Central Jail by March 2023.</p>	
	Geoffrey Golden	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are positive aspects to this motion. The creation of an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department is a demand that the community has been voicing for years. Finally the Board has recognized the reality that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released into supportive services led and held by the community. Our eyes are on the Board to ensure that this Pretrial Services agency prioritizes contracting with CBOs, does not rely on electronic monitoring as a condition of pretrial release, and adheres to its commitment to work independently of the probation department.</p>	No



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Gregory L Smith		No
Griffin Ayres		No
Gwen Snyder	<p>We need to divest from jails and invest our community dollars in programs that prevent crimes rather than punishing and further traumatizing Angelenos after harm has already taken place.</p>	No
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Haley Bresnahan	Instead of investing in jails, the county should invest in services like mental health crisis response and anti discrimination training for police personnel.	No
Helen Burak		No
Jack MacCarthy	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are positive aspects to this motion. The creation of an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department is a demand that the community has been voicing for years. Finally the Board has recognized the reality that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released into supportive services led and held by the community. Our eyes are on the</p>	No



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Jacob Roberts		No
Jaitee Pitts	<p>In order to trust that this will work, the resources in order to do it MUST be there. When going care first, our community can't afford to be cheap. Start it, fund it, close the jails.</p>	No
Jane Affonso	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are positive aspects to this motion. The creation of an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department is a demand that the community has been voicing for years. Finally the Board has recognized the reality that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released into supportive services led and held by the community. Our eyes are on the</p>	No



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Jaye Fishel		No
Jennifer Myers		No
Jennifer S Simison	La Verne started the La Verne youth and family Commission that brought together our school district, police department, city council, Tri-City mental health to help troubled youth. We are leaders in preventing youth from ending up in the JJS	No
Jessamy E Gloor	I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the	No



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Jessica Erker	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the</p>	No



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Jewell Karinen	I continue to support a Care First, Jails Last budget! Please move forward on this as every step forward means lives saved. Thank you.	No
Jim J McGrath	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>My name is Jim McGrath and I am the Director of Prison & Reentry Programs at The Catalyst Foundation in Lancaster, CA. I am formerly incarcerated, having served 24 years of a 30-life sentence. I was released in 2015 and discharged parole in 2021. I have been doing reentry work since 2019 and it is my pleasure to express my support for Board Motion #22.</p> <p>Having personal experience with the reentry process, I know firsthand what it is like to try and get on your feet and get re-established in the community post-incarceration. It was a very scary process for me, even with a support</p>	No



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	<p>system of family and friends in place. Now imagine having to do it all alone. That is what many of our returning citizens face. I can tell you that for someone with no support, returning to past behaviors and being re-incarcerated is a very real possibility. That is why the work that the Office of Diversion & Reentry is doing is so vitally important. We can, however, make it an even better experience for our participants...by passing Board Motion #22.</p> <p>Allowing ODR Reentry to become a part of a new, population-focused JCOD Department is in the best interest of the Returning Citizens of LA County as it would enable greater access to additional funding sources, which in turn, would provide for the expansion of reentry services in all areas of LA County and allow Community Based Organizations to better serve their formerly incarcerated clients.</p> <p>This new department would be population-focused and dedicated exclusively to the needs of the justice-involved community. It would provide a comprehensive system of services with centralized referral pathways, data systems, and goals. A centralized department would also better track and evaluate the effectiveness of the services provided to our clients.</p> <p>In closing, I want to say that working in the reentry field is the most rewarding job I have ever had. Being able to give back to the community, and assist those that feel they have no hope of improving their lives is just one of the ways that we formerly incarcerated reentry workers can make amends to the communities we caused harm in. In passing Board Motion #22 you will give that ability to an even larger number of people that want to do good in this world.</p> <p>My prayer is that you will pass Board Motion #22.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Jim McGrath Director, Prison & Reentry Programs The Catalyst Foundation</p>	
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Jordan Harari	<p>People are dying in the Los Angeles County jails in record levels. The Office of Inspector General report confirms that in 2021, 55 people died in custody. And 41 people died in 2020. These are record-level deaths in custody and higher than every year going back to at least 2013, under former Sheriff Baca, when 34 people died in the jails. This crisis has been underway under the watch of Sheriff Villanueva, who must take responsibility for the drastic increase in in-custody deaths since he took office.</p> <p>The most effective way to respond to people dying in jails is to drastically reduce the number of people in custody. People are dying of medical crises, drug overdose, COVID-19, and by suicide, all of which can be directly attributed to overcrowding in the jails. More staffing is not the answer. Getting people out of jail is the answer. After reviewing this report, we once again demand that the Board commit to a concrete timeline to close Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>The jails are places of death. The Board must treat them as such and push for avenues to prevent incarceration and remove those already there. The Board must demand greater transparency from the Sheriff's Department. The public and oversight bodies cannot effectively address issues leading to death in custody without knowing that people are dying and why. COVID-19 deaths have been reported publicly as they occur; other deaths can be reported in the same way while protecting the privacy of the individual and</p>	No



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	<p>families impacted.</p> <p>The OIG report details an alarming incident in which the Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau representatives did not allow OIG to view the scene or body of the While the Sheriff's Department has promised it will not happen again, there is no explanation for why OIG was denied in the first place or whether anyone in Homicide was disciplined for hindering the OIG's oversight.</p>	
Jose Cortez	<p>My name is Jose C. I have been working with different programs that directed and indirectly worked with the reentry population. I also have an intensive amount of life experience that could've been shorten during my young and misguides years. It is imperative to support reentry programs that assist formerly incarcerated individuals transition successfully to their community. These variety of reentry programs are always at risk of losing their financial stability or/and are placed on the back sit by changing policies.</p> <p>I currently work at Reentry house whose main efforts are to support post-incarcerated individuals with job placement, facilitating access to housing, and providing other supportive services that interrupt recidivism. I have witnessed the success and importance of reentry programs as a means in breaking the cycle of drug use and crime and improving the public health and safety of our communities. I am all for creating a new department called Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), which would house ODR's Reentry Division, Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI), and various other programs that serve people with justice involvement.</p>	No
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Kate Teague	Thank you for your commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined. I urge you to move forward with the creation of a Dept of Youth Development now. The Youth Justice Work Group and more recently the Youth Justice Advisory	No



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	<p>Groups, along with consultants hired by the board, have done the work about the feasibility of a DYD and have found it feasible. Also it is critical that the funding is allocated at the level recommended by the workgroups to ensure the Dept of Youth Development is set up for success. It's time to show youth that we are committed to their success by investing in them at the same level we invest in Probation and the Sheriff's Dept.</p>	
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Kent Mendoza	<p>Good morning Board of Supervisors, my name is Kent Mendoza and I'm the Manager of Advocacy and Community Organizing at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.</p> <p>I'm here to speak on item number 22 and provide general public comment. Thank you supervisor Sheila Kuehl for this motion.</p> <p>As someone that was incarcerated from the ages 15 - 20, and that was on Probation from the ages of 14 - 21, and that has been deeply involved in this work since the creation of ODR, then leading to YDD, then PRIT, then the POC and now with YJR, I want to reiterate and express again to this board that you must ensure we are making investments to stand up the Department of Youth Development by July of this year.</p> <p>This is something that we, advocates have worked so hard on, putting hours, having sleepless nights, working overtime, and sharing our stories that contain experiences of abuse, confinement, and dehumanization</p> <p>The BOS has committed to YJR when approving it and must make it priority, committing to making the investments crucially needed in standing up the</p>	No



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	<p>Department of Youth Development (DYD) and allocating \$75 million for fiscal year 2022-2023.</p> <p>We support the creation of an Advisory Board but urge the BOARD to be sure to include people who are formerly incarcerated, NOT just system-impacted. We are still spending millions of dollars and continue to pour money into a department that only provided me and many other youth with the opportunity to become better gang members and fighters. How is it that I experienced and had the most fights in my life in a probation camp and in juvenile hall? These places/facilities are the opposed of a youth development department or environment and as we keep being reminded by the BSCC and POC how they are out of compliance and how they simply can't get it together - How many more reports, inspections, audits, and harm do we need to have in order to take things seriously?</p> <p>We urge you to listen to those that have actually been in these places and be bold to do something right for youth. Please outline clear and concrete mechanisms for community input before any consolidation of county departments and commissions. Especially from those who have been directly impacted.</p>	
kenyatta frank	<p>IF OUR CITY IS SERIOUS ABOUT KEEPING BETTER TRACK AND DIRECTLY USING FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS, TRULY BE A MODEL CITY OF JUSTICE FOR ALL WE MUST ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>MY ORGANIZATION IS IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.</p>	No
Kevin Kearney		No
Kirsten Caplan	Thank you so much, Sheila Kuehl!!!	No
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Melissa Manousos	<p>COVID-19 deaths have been reported publicly as they occur; other deaths can be reported in the same way while protecting the privacy of the individual and families impacted.</p> <p>The OIG report details an alarming incident in which the Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau representatives did not allow OIG to view the scene or body of the While the Sheriff's Department has promised it will not happen again, there is no explanation for why OIG was denied in the first place or whether anyone in Homicide was disciplined for hindering the OIG's oversight.</p>	No
Meron Begashaw		No
Michael Wodkowski	<p>Over the years, Los Angeles has gutted community services and piled cash on law enforcement. The results are notoriously corrupt Sheriff and Police Departments rife with racism, sexism, and rotten with abuse of power, and a system of incarceration that overwhelmingly targets Black Brown and poor communities, further tearing them apart. This has to stop. We need moral leadership. We need community service intervention, not more law</p>	No



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Michelle Benavides	<p>Thank you for following through on your commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined</p> <p>This is long overdue and we cannot afford to waste anymore time in standing up this department.</p> <p>Any delay connected to a feasibility report is entirely unnecessary. The Youth Justice Work Group and, now, Youth Justice Advisory Groups have dedicated months, if not years, to exploring the feasibility of a DYD. It's feasible. Keep it moving.</p> <p>Youth Justice Advisory Groups are preparing a report that thoroughly outlines how to stand up DYD, who should staff it, etc. that will be submitted within the month.</p>	No
Michelle King	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are positive aspects to this motion. The creation of an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department is a demand that the community has been voicing for years. Finally the Board has recognized the reality that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released into supportive services led and held by the community. Our eyes are on the Board to ensure that this Pretrial Services agency prioritizes contracting with CBOs, does not rely on electronic monitoring as a condition of pretrial release, and adheres to its commitment to work independently of the probation department.</p> <p>I personally believe that pretrial services should be community-based because pretrial incarceration is an unnecessary practice rooted in systemic bias that targets our most vulnerable community members. Ending this practice is crucial to preserving the presumption of innocence. Electronic monitoring is not rehabilitative or transformative. EM does not support gaining access to resources, addressing harm or violence, or support the changes that folks might need in their life. EM surveillance restricts movement that</p>	No



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Milinda Kakani		No
Nannah M Nitecka	<p>I thank Supervisor Kuhel for introducing this motion that emphasizes the importance of further pushing the County to prioritize Care First and Jails Last through the creation of the Justice Care Opportunities Department (JCOD). While this motion is a step in the right direction, it is critical to note that the only way this motion will be successful is if there are specific funding streams attached to the establishment of the JCOD. So often, the County's vision for Care First gets muddled and stalled due to the County's lagging on budget allocations. The County infrastructure created by this motion will only be successful and a sign of progress IF and ONLY IF the Board and the County commit to funding the JCOD offices at rates equitable to its funding of the Sheriff and Probation departments.</p> <p>There are positive aspects to this motion. The creation of an independent pretrial services agency outside of the probation department is a demand that the community has been voicing for years. Finally the Board has recognized the reality that those in the pretrial phase of adjudication should be released</p>	No



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Olivia Shields	<p>Hello, my name is Olivia Shields with Urban Peace Institute and Los Angeles Youth Uprising Coalition, and I am a resident of District 1 speaking on agenda item 22 and general public comment. Today's motion by Supervisor Kuehl that stands up a Department of Youth Development represents follow through on the Board's commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined, and I thank you for this commitment. Youth in LA County have been demanding a Department of Youth Development for years, and any delay in establishing DYD this budget cycle would be catastrophic for the young people shackled in hellhole youth prisons like Barry J, would harm the efforts to shift money and power out of Probation, and would fail to give youth care and support a central home in LA County. The Youth Justice Work Group, and now seven Youth Justice Advisory Groups have spent months, if not years of time and energy thoroughly outlining the exact steps to reimagine each aspect of the youth justice system; in fact, one workgroup is dedicated entirely to planning how to stand up DYD, who should staff it, and other important details, and has and will continue to report back to the County. We know DYD is feasible, and we know a delay is extremely harmful, like how the delay in July of last year in creating a plan for young people who would have gone to DJJ has left them trapped in Barry J to this day when they should be at Camp Kilpatrick. As we move forward with the creation of JCOD and DYD NOW, I also ask that the Board recognize the need to adequately fund these departments as they have more than adequately funded youth incarceration and punishment in the past; shift AB 109 dollars from Sheriff and Probation to Youth Centers, and ensure that these departments get the funding they need to succeed. Lastly, but extremely importantly, this motion's move of pretrial services out of Probation and into an agency that prioritizes contracting with community is urgent and crucial, and while closure of Men's Central Jail is mentioned in this motion, there must be an explicit timeline to shut down MCJ by March 2023. Thank you.</p>	No
Peter Enzminger	<p>This sounds like a good idea. Make sure it is funded, and also coordinated with other Alternatives to Incarceration initiatives undertaken by the County. We want more programs for the communities, not more jobs for County staffers.</p>	No



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Rachel Pollock

People are dying in the Los Angeles County jails in record levels. The Office of Inspector General report confirms that in 2021, 55 people died in custody. And 41 people died in 2020. These are record-level deaths in custody and higher than every year going back to at least 2013, under former Sheriff Baca, when 34 people died in the jails. This crisis has been underway under the watch of Sheriff Villanueva, who must take responsibility for the drastic increase in in-custody deaths since he took office.

The most effective way to respond to people dying in jails is to drastically reduce the number of people in custody. People are dying of medical crises, drug overdose, COVID-19, and by suicide, all of which can be directly attributed to overcrowding in the jails. More staffing is not the answer. Getting people out of jail is the answer. After reviewing this report, we once again demand that the Board commit to a concrete timeline to close Men's Central Jail.

Rather than continue to invest in jails and law enforcement, the County should fund services like mental health services, after school programs, summer camps and education.

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The Board must demand greater transparency from the Sheriff's Department.

The public and oversight bodies cannot effectively address issues leading to death in custody without knowing that people are dying and why. COVID-19 deaths have been reported publicly as they occur; other deaths can be reported in the same way while protecting the privacy of the individual and families impacted.

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Sophia L Kandell	As someone impacted by incarceration THIS is the work ahead that we need! It's what our communities have been calling for. We need solutions that ACTUALLY provide public safety. Our carvers system is a failed experiment in safety, and a department such as the one proposed is the brilliant path ahead for Los Angeles.	No
Stephen Brantley		No
Sybil Faucett		No
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Toni White	<p>I am Toni Michelle White, a case manager with the Re-Entry Department of WLCAC-Family Source Center in the area of Watts, CA. I work in this community as a trauma informed case manager with experience based on my past lived-experience and I work hard to turn a negative impact into a positive group of healed souls.</p> <p>On the daily I work with justice impacted individuals in the southern region of California. My client roster is 30 trauma impacted members of our community, who have a criminal record. Their interaction with the law has impacted their ability to see their kids in most of my cases, lessened their confidence in locating and securing a job in other cases, which directly causes homelessness in all cases. Jail was not the answer in my case. I was a first-time offender facing 3 years in jail, for following a directive from my own justice impacted parent. The justice system was aware my parent was a career offender, and I felt that the justice system would establish I was under distress due to a criminal act by a person known to be violent and disrespectful of the law. I was a victim with the desire to work as a police officer. The evidence of my desire to be great was in my pocket, since the arresting officer found an application for the police department. It took me 23 years to bounce back from the arrest. Time I can never get back, greatness delayed because of 1 non-violence offense.</p> <p>It's my hope that we can collectively work for more people to be great without JAIL. CARE First, Jails LAST.</p>	No



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		Vivian Wong		No
	Oppose	Barbara Maynard		Yes
		irene gonzalez	i have been working for pretrial for 16 years. i love my job cause we do not convict nor judge and individual but basically try to help them get out of jail if they qualify. all ending decisions are made by a judge not me. i do not make recommendations just provide information if individual needs services housing, mental health, education etc....	No
		Jacob Pourat		Yes
		Judith Villanueva	I've been employed with Pretrial Services for the past 21 years. Our program has evolved throughout the years and has provided support for our Court system in providing thorough information regarding the person incarcerated. Our work is done by many of us that have strong knowledge and expertise to provide the court to make an informed decision keeping in mind the safety of the community. There is no other entity that can provided the amount of information in a short period of time to assist the court. I agree in that, Pretrial Services can provide the courts further assistance in determining the needs of the individual incarcerated. However, to completely eliminate our program is not a solution.	No
		Linda Desrosiers	YOU NEED TO SUPPORT THE VICTIMS! JAIL IS A PART OF REALITY WHEN COMMITTING A CRIME.	No
		Maria Diaz		No
		mark shaw	Can the Board guarantee that if item #22 is approved that the current Pretrial Services employees will maintain current benefits. Longevity, medical, pay scale?	No
		Melissa Camacho-Cheung		Yes
		Melissa Camacho-Cheung	<p>We appreciate changes to the proposed Justice, Care and Opportunities Department that will leave ODR clinical components within the Department of Health Services, establish an independent pretrial agency outside of probation, and provide a way to stand up a separate Department of Youth Development (DYD).</p> <p>We remain concerned that the Department seeks to marginalize Office of Diversion and Reentry by removing some of its current functions, not committing to future funding, and not putting a pretrial agency in an already-established office. We are also concerned that the Department will ultimately be unsuccessful in its mission to build up a system of care when most of the people in LA County Jails need clinical supports to get and stay out of jail.</p> <p>We maintain that the County does not need a new department to take long overdue steps necessary to move the Care First, Jails Last vision forward: (1) lift the cap on ODR housing, (2) stand up an independent pretrial agency in ODR, (3) establish a timeline to close Men's Central Jail, and (4) track</p>	Yes



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progress toward creating a system of care. The amended motion, while framed as responsive to community input, fails to take the steps we have asking the Board to take for months and years.

The proposed department does not reflect stakeholders' input, concerns, or needs

Supervisor Kuehl played an instrumental role in moving the County to a Care First, Jails Last approach. She achieved this success in part by bringing together advocates and stakeholders with a deep knowledge of the problems and opportunities in the County's care and carceral systems. The motion, however, came as a surprise to these same stakeholders. Deficiencies in the motion reflect a lack of input from voting members of the ATI workgroup, the MCJ closure workgroup, ODR, and community partners who are deeply knowledgeable and invested in the many County committees. One of us was a voting member of the ATI workgroup and was never approached by any supervisor's office about the idea of a new Department. Likely other voting members had the same experience.

A new Department that completely reshapes the provision of service in the County cannot be established on such a short timeline without guidance from those who are invested and working toward the Care First vision. While there may be a need for consolidating the many work groups that the Board has created and reconfiguring responsibilities among different county departments and offices that have a role in implementing Care First, Jails Last, any consolidation and reorganization should occur only after a process that includes substantial input from stakeholders.

The pattern of dropping a fully-formed motion on stakeholders and asking for buy-in works against the Board's stated commitment to working with community leaders to develop plans that will most effectively achieve the Care First vision. We applaud the decision to remove the Youth portion from JCOD so that the DYD can proceed as promised. However, the fact that a youth piece featured prominently in the original JCOD motion is telling. In future motions on the scale of something like establishing an entirely new department, the Board should work with community partners on a reasonable timeframe rather than asking for a blessing and then being surprised when it is not forthcoming.

Tasking JCOD with non-clinical Alternatives to Incarceration limits its scope to the point it will not be able to accomplish its purpose.

We appreciate that the Board has chosen to keep ODR in the Department of Health. However, JCOD must now be "Care First" without the benefit of clinical programming. The Board took a revolutionary step by committing to Care First, Jails Last. The Board's move to center Care First within a non-clinical justice department is a move backward.

The Board does not require a new department to take the first steps needed to close Men's Central Jail.

The motion reaffirms the Board's commitment to closing Men's Central Jail



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and establishing the systems and community resources needed to get people out of jail and into systems of care, but through this motion the Board has once again failed to take the steps necessary to make that commitment a reality. Indeed, setting up a new Department risks setting the County back. Rather than pouring energy into a new bureaucracy with the attendant learning curves and need to establish credibility, the Board must first act on its own authority, using readily available resources.

- The Board can immediately lift the cap on ODR housing. We have called for that simple step for nearly a year. To see a motion for an entirely new Department instead of the necessary step of removing the cap is disheartening.

- The Board should establish a pretrial agency within ODR rather than in a new Department. The first and biggest obstacle any independent pretrial agency faces is establishing credibility in the eyes of the court. The court must trust the pretrial agency to run effective programs before they will permit pretrial release. The court already considers ODR a valued partner. ODR also has an administrative team. While the County will need to expand that team, expansion is more cost effective and faster than creating an entirely new Department.

- The Board must set a timeline for creating the 4,000 new beds the MCJ Closure workgroup concluded were necessary to close Men's Central Jail and set aside the funding to make that happen. In July 2020, the Board directed LASD and ODR to convene a workgroup to develop a plan to close MCJ in one year. In March 2021, the MCJ closure workgroup presented a plan to close MCJ in 18-24 months. A core component of that plan is the funding and creation of new beds necessary to treat thousands of people with mental illness currently in the jails in the community instead. Yet, the Board failed to adopt the workgroup's plan or timeline, instead creating a Jail Closure Implementation Team in September 2021. Now, five months later, instead of a motion setting a timeline for bringing on beds or depopulating the jails, the Board proposes a new Department. The Board does not need a new Department. The Board needs to set a deadline for closure, with bed and population benchmarks to ensure progress.

- The Board must establish a system to track the creation of new beds and the funding sources for those beds. The motion includes a directive to "identify all existing efforts to collect, analyze, and publish data (including all existing or proposed criminal justice data dashboards)." We agree that transparency and real-time tracking is needed to create accountability and judge the County's progress toward expanding the community-based system of care. Setting up a new Department to create a tracking system will only delay its implementation. JCIT is well positioned to take on this task within the CEO's office.

Today, the jails hold 13,457 people. The MCJ closure workgroup determined that the County needed to reduce the jail population to between 8,200 and



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		8,500 to close MCJ. The County has so far made woeful progress toward that goal. The Board must not divert energy and funds into building a new Department before taking the first steps outlined above.	
	NELIDA ESTRADA	I am opposed to changing Pretrial Services to the office of OAP	No
	Nicholas J Hutchings	I am writing in opposition to moving the ODR program out of DHS. ODR's work, its dramatic success, and its incredible impact on the lives of our clients and the community at large is based on effective clinical treatment of the clients. As such, the program is best operated in a treatment-based department, ie DHS, as it has been with dramatic success since it's inception. I fear departmental changes would result in a disruption or gap of care for the clients as well as entail an costly and intensive effort to duplicate the DHS infrastructure within the newly proposed department, and make ongoing collaboration between the components of the clients care disjointed and more challenging from there on out. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Nicholas Hutchings MD (Internal Medicine - Primary Care, ODR)	No
	Nyabingi Kuti	I appreciate Supervisor Kuehl's motion to take a serious look at the service delivery system and outcomes of county departments that service the most vulnerable, but I do have some resistance to it. I recently worked for a major county service provider that had poor outcomes but kept receiving new grants and funding. The program outcomes evaluation seemed to rely on process more than progress, which was mentioned in the motion. I would like to see more community visibility and engagement from the Alliance of Health Integration. The motion says that community stakeholder input was received before making the motion. I wonder what community members were involved. Creating another advisory committee is not the answer. Improve and enhance the ones already in existence.	No
	STACY FORD	I strongly believe that pretrial should and must stay within the probation department. It is a huge mistake to contract pretrial to an outside agency. There will be many mistakes and no over site.	No
	Torri Montgomery	I am a psychiatrist with ODR. Prior to working with ODR I worked with other mental health care systems in LA County and it was extremely difficult to get our patients complete care. Removing ODR from DHS would significantly impede our ability to provide psychiatric and medical care for our clients. ODR works well and is unique in it's ability to provide clinical care and supportive services. Removing a clinically centered program from the DHS system would negatively impact the ODR clients. Please do not move forward with this motion.	No
	Other	Charles A Vignola To the Esteemed Board of Supervisors, Thank you for your continued service in these challenging times. I write to you today on behalf of LARRP and the broader reentry service provider community to express our support for continued and expanded funding for reentry programs such as ODR (Office of Diversion and Reentry), ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration), and FIST/MIST (Felony/Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial) community beds.	Yes



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LARRP is the largest county-wide network of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and advocates that works to ensure that our justice-involved reentry system meets the needs of those we serve, both in terms of capacity and public policy. We represent stakeholders across the whole of Los Angeles County. We join with dozens of organizations serving and advocating for formerly and currently incarcerated people to voice our support for solidifying and growing ODR, while advocating for a massive expansion of resources and support for decarceration and alternatives to incarceration. This process, however, should not be done through the creation of a new department which will create years of delays and diminished service capacity. Rather, we urge the board to direct resources to the programs as they exist and expand the support provided to the thousands of individuals working in the reentry space. Over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has shown remarkable leadership by moving the county away from a punitive criminal justice system to one based on a 'Care First, Jail Last' philosophy. With the creation of ODR, the BOS reshaped the manner in which the county provided services to people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. For the first time there is a "justice lane" of direct services for our reentry populations, which has allowed us to expand and professionalize services in community-based settings, reduce reliance on incarceration, and reinvest those valuable and limited resources in the community. ODR has streamlined data systems, hired, and trained a cadre of culturally competent justice focused staff, and demonstrated what a 'Care First, Jail Last' approach looks like every day. We should be now adding qualified people with lived-experience to their team and build out the services we know work.

We know that diversion and reentry services overlap, we are often serving the same people at different stages in their recovery or reintegration. And while the majority of people needing services after incarceration have clinical needs, some need housing or only employment support. We do not need to divide and silo out our reentry community, but rather meet them where they are at, currently enrolled in MIST, FIST, RICMS, H4H, SECTOR, DOORS, and expand those programs and others.

LARRP has worked closely with the community, ODR, ATI, and other bodies to understand the needs of this population. We believe that there are more immediate solutions that can be taken in order to strengthen our current infrastructure and develop plans for the near future to support these organizations. Namely, we propose:

Creating a holistic system of care for individuals returning to the community which emphasizes access to resources such as housing, employment support, benefits, etc.

Providing adequate funding to ODR and community CBO's to set up the estimated 5000 beds needed to support individuals with mental health and substance use disorders

Committing to fully closing Men's Central Jail on a concrete timeline

Ensuring further plans for future prisons are not enacted and instead the Board pivots to direct more dollars to direct services with opportunities for community input

Giveing ODR the ability to develop an independent pretrial service agency

Arranging opportunities for the ATI workgroup to provide input and guidance



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	<p>to the ATI office on community affairs and feedback Now, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the MCJ Closure Report, and the two-year anniversaries of Measure R and ATI, we see this proposal coming out which threatens to further complicate the system of offices and departments that work at the intersection of reentry, housing, homelessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and a host of the key issues facing the county's most vulnerable populations. The most urgent need is an increase in community beds, and the reentry department inside of ODR is best suited to create and oversee these beds we so desperately need. While we spent years chairing and serving on Commissions and Workgroups, years later very few community beds have been added to achieve MCJ closure or significantly reduce the jail population. Meanwhile the mental health population in the jail continues to rise, with an ever-growing disproportionate number of Black incarcerated people with mental illness.</p> <p>We at LARRP believe that changing the structure of the county's "care first" approach rapidly and without ample input from the community may delay or eliminate the expansion of critical county resources we already know work for some of our most vulnerable community members. We have a responsibility to work with the most impacted populations, and to ensure that the criminal justice system and other "systems of care" make true impact and do not cause further harm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at troyvaughn@lareentry.org.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Troy Vaughn Co-Founder & Executive Director, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership</p>	
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	<p>CBOs, does not rely on electronic monitoring as a condition of pretrial release, and adheres to its commitment to work independently of the probation department.</p> <p>The Department of Youth Development (DYD) is a vital component of Youth Justice Reimagined. The Board of Supervisors needs to stay firm in its commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR) and create a new Department of Youth Development no later than July 1, 2022, but preferably before the final budget is passed in June. I oppose anything that will delay the establishment of DYD. Uprighting DYD in this budget cycle MUST be a priority of the BOS as they create the JCOD.</p> <p>The positive aspects of the motion do not outweigh the motion's limitations. The success of this department depends on the allocation of specific funding streams. The success of this department depends on the LONG OVERDUE bed number expansion of the Office of Diversion and Reentry. The success of the department depends on the ATI office's commitment to jail population reduction and adding community-based beds.</p> <p>And lastly, and most importantly, the establishment of this department MUST NOT delay the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand the Board set a concrete timeline for MCJ closure and demand the closure of Men's Central Jail by March 2023.</p>	
Jessica Ellis	<p>At Centinela Youth Services, we specialize in what adolescents need from their community in order to thrive and what works to keep youth out of involvement with crime. We serve young people and their families in all five Supervisorial Districts, with a heavy concentration in Districts 2 and 3. While we applaud the incredible work of this Board to support Care First, Jails Last initiatives that will go far to improve equity in LA County, we are deeply concerned with the recent backtracking on the promise to our youth for a Department of Youth Development.</p> <p>The true potential of the Department of Youth Development is not simply a "rebranding" of youth justice, but to bring about a more holistic approach to equity in youth development opportunities, including prevention, that extend well beyond the lens of just dealing with kids when they are in trouble. This vision will be lost if this Department is subsumed under a larger department with "Justice" as it's core focus. And this new motion adds unnecessary delays and studies and was created outside of input from stakeholders, like our children who've been impacted by these systems.</p> <p>Young people with lived experience and many organizations like ours have spent YEARS and countless hours of planning time with the County already to develop robust plans for Youth Justice Reimagined and the Department of Youth Development. It's time to stop dithering. Fund and stand up the Department of Youth Development NOW for our kids. This Board already committed to that. Our most vulnerable children deserve a powerful department devoted to creating more equitable opportunities for them, not a department that is distracted by other competing priorities and a</p>	No



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	<p>predominantly justice focus. This motion, while well intended, takes us backwards and adds unnecessary delays. Stand up the Department of Youth Development Now and fully fund it to begin July 1! We at CYS and our partners stand ready to contribute our time and expertise to ensure it is successful. Thank you.</p>	
Kristian Huling	<p>My name is Kristian Huling delivering remarks on behalf of the LA County members and leadership of Service Employees International Union, Local 721 on item 22 and public comment.</p> <p>SEIU 721 supports implementing a care-first, trauma-informed service delivery model in collaboration with community-based organizations and faith-based groups.</p> <p>However, we do not support and will continue to resist efforts to privatize probation services in Los Angeles County. Further, should this motion be approved, SEIU 721 and other labor partners must be recognized as formal stakeholders throughout the planning and implementation process. The creation of a new Justice, Care and Opportunities Department will certainly impact our members and they must play a substantive role in shaping its organizational structure, staffing plans, and service delivery systems.</p> <p>In recent years, the Board has diverted hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer funds from historical County probation services as part of an effort to "re-imagine" juvenile probation service delivery, with little to no programmatic or fiscal accountability.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of accountability, privatization inevitably results in a reduction in the quality of jobs - replacing good union jobs in the County with lower-wage non-union jobs in the private sector.</p> <p>We reject the notion that a reform agenda cannot be accomplished by your own Probation staff. What our members need is training, adequate facilities, and the support from the leaders of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>L.A. County Probation facilities are aged, and do not provide adequate safe and secure spaces for programming, counselling, dental and eye care, and/or trauma-informed psychological assessment for challenged youth. Probation Training is not adequate to meet the modern-day juvenile reform training goals for Probation Officers, who have undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work and treatment and counselling with challenged youth.</p> <p>Los Angeles County's Probation Department needs substantial infrastructure and capital improvement funding from the state.</p> <p>Today we are renewing the call for your Board to join our efforts to secure funding from Sacramento for the infrastructure improvements our Probation Department desperately needs.</p> <p>Don't abandon your workers. Invest in them!</p>	Yes



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City Council Motion #22 Agenda Item 03/01/2022

I am a resident of Los Angeles, and a Community Health Worker with four years of experience working in Health Care and with the Reentry population. I am currently with the SSG/HOPICS organization and their Reentry-Intensive Case Management Service program. I am also a member of the Skid Row Community Improvement Coalition which has worked to promote justice and equity in Skid Row and the greater downtown community.

I am writing to support Council Motion #22 and the efforts by the Council and City to form a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to further serve the Reentry community. The most important thing we can do as a society and culture for public safety is to support and promote the health of our community. Addressing the unjust parts of our correctional and criminal justice system's is needed to create greater equity for all. Passing Council Motion #22 will show that the members of our Los Angeles City Council understand and are working toward this goal.

Thank you for your support of this motion and your service to our City!

Eric Dean



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March 1, 2022

To: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Chair
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2/28/22

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I am writing to oppose item #22: Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System.

I am a forensic psychiatry fellow at LAC+USC, who completed my general psychiatry residency training at Harbor-UCLA, both Los Angeles County programs associated with the Department of Health Services (DHS). I have seen first-hand the immense benefits that the LA County Office of Diversion and Entry (ODR) has created for our patients and community. If this motion passes it will likely cause significant detriment to the quality of services supplied to our patients in Los Angeles County. The DHS system is used in the major Los Angeles County hospitals and taking away DHS support would lead to major patient and community issues, including problems with continuity of care in secondary and emergency health settings. ODR has been very successful under DHS and it would be a major detriment to the people of Los Angeles to move ODR to a non-DHS program.

Sincerely,



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February 23, 2022

Via E-Mail

Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: "Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System."

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We oppose creating a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department within Los Angeles County as currently proposed. Supervisor Kuehl's motion correctly states that "[t]he County has sufficient studies and recommendations" and that "what is needed now is to make decisions and move toward implementation" to make the Care First, Jails Last vision a reality. The proposed Justice, Care and Opportunities Department, however, is not the most effective step toward implementation available to the County. The Department threatens the viability of one of the most successful justice partners created by the Board: The Office of Diversion and Reentry. Moreover, the County does not need a new department to take long overdue steps necessary to move the Care First Jails Last vision forward: (1) lift the cap on ODR housing, (2) stand up an independent pretrial agency, (3) establish a timeline to close Men's Central Jail, and (4) track progress toward creating a system of care.

The proposed department does not reflect stakeholders' input, concerns, or needs

Supervisor Kuehl played an instrumental role in moving the County to a Care First, Jails Last approach. She achieved this success in part by bringing together advocates and stakeholders with a deep knowledge of the problems and opportunities in the County's care and carceral systems. The motion, however, came as a surprise to these same stakeholders. Deficiencies in the motion reflect a lack of input from voting members of the ATI workgroup, the MCJ closure

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workgroup, ODR, and community partners who are deeply knowledgeable and invested in the many County committees. A new Department that completely reshapes the provision of service in the County cannot be established on such a short timeline without guidance from those who are invested and working toward the Care First vision. While there may be a need for consolidating the many work groups that the Board has created and reconfiguring responsibilities among different county departments and offices that have a role in implementing Care First, Jails Last, any consolidation and reorganization should occur only after a process that includes substantial input from stakeholders.

The Board must not take ODR out of the Department of Health Services
Directive two asks the CEO to analyze “whether clinical jail-based services should be integrated into the JCOD or remain within the Department of Health Services.”¹ ODR cannot be removed from DHS.

We recognize that ODR has both clinical and non-clinical programs (e.g., LEAD). ODR’s clinical programs, however, cannot receive necessary funds if housed outside of a health department and require leadership that can only be provided by a health department. As an example, moving ODR into a justice department threatens state funding for FIST-CBR. There are currently 415 people in this program, receiving effective treatment, outside of our jails. If state funding for FIST-CBR disappears, there is no assurance that the new Department will have the access to clinical funds and expertise needed to care for this vulnerable population outside of jail.

Moving ODR outside of a health department also threatens the idea of Care First. Care First must mean centering care outside of the criminal justice system, not creating a justice department with care as a goal. Centering the Care First portion of Care First, Jails Last in the Department of Health is the most effective way to provide care and best expresses the County’s commitment to Care First. The Board cannot move provision of care into a brand-new department without expecting a drastic drop in the level of services as the Department works to gain the expertise needed to provide that care.

¹ It is not clear whether the directive is contemplating moving Correctional Health Services, whose sole function is to provide “clinical jail-based services,” out of DHS and into JCOD. But regardless of the myriad problems with the provision of medical and mental health care in the jails, including those identified by the monitor in the jails mental health decree between the United States and the County, CHS must remain part of DHS rather than being moved to a department that may not even be headed by a clinician.

ODR has a proven track-record and provides greater transparency than many County entities through its [online data dashboard](#). It is one of the Board's great successes and deserves additional investment to expand. Placing it in an untested justice department is too great a risk.

The Board does not require a new department to take the first steps needed to close Men's Central Jail

The motion reaffirms the Board's commitment to closing Men's Central Jail and establishing the systems and community resources needed to get people out of jail and into systems of care. Setting up a new Department risks setting the County back. Rather than pouring energy into a new bureaucracy with the attendant learning curves and need to establish credibility, the Board must first act on its own authority, using readily available resources.

- The Board can immediately lift the cap on ODR housing. We have called for that simple step for nearly a year. To see a motion for an entirely new Department instead of the necessary step of removing the cap is disheartening.
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LATITUDE 33°
YACHT CHARTERS

My name is Cheryl Ladwig and my husband Jonathan Ladwig and I own Latitude 33 Yacht Charters. We have been licensed and running charters out of Dock 55 for a year now and want to express our concerns with the ban on bareboats that was announced recently at the last Small Craft Harbor Commision meeting.

Aside from operating a charter business in the marina, I'm also a licensed USCG captain and have held a 100 ton master license for 9 years. Obtaining this license required classroom courses followed by USCG testing in addition to the field requirement of 720 days of experience on the water and behind the helm of multiple boats. I currently operate our local marinas commercial assistance towboats (VesselAssist). My job requires me to take our towboats out day and night in any condition to assist boaters that have broken down or need help to safely get their boats and passengers back to their slips. I'm often put in dangerous situations and frequently work alongside Marina del Rey's Baywatch and Harbor Patrol as well as the US Coast Guard. Having this job has exposed me to every type of boat owner and operator possible, the good and the bad. I'm mentioning this because I want to make it clear that safety is my highest priority, my job requires it, the individuals I need to assist require it, the risky scenarios I work in require it, it is the first metric I use to evaluate other captains, which puts me in a good position to offer you my opinion of the charter captains that operate the boats out of dock 55. Over the last year we've interviewed dozens of individuals and every single captain that we've hired to operate our charters has been extremely concerned with the safety of our guests, vessels, and other boaters within the marina. They all take great pride in what they do, they studied/tested/and follow the US Coast Guard regulations (including safe operation and navigation), they're first aid & CPR certified, they don't bend the rules, their careers depend on maintaining a perfect record. I've met and worked alongside quite a few of the other charter owners/operators and am confident they take that same care and precaution when hiring captains/crew and evaluating guests safety. The bareboat charters that run out of dock 55 are in the hands of these people who I trust and it makes me incredibly happy to know that so many LA residents are experiencing time on the water in a safe way. I've run into some of the illegal charters while working on the towboat and what I have seen is scary. If this ban is put into effect, I know the demand for charters won't change and instead our guests will end up on

these unsafe boats that are willing to operate illegally instead of working with the business out of dock 55 that are owned and captained by individuals that care.

I hope you trust that I truly understand the concern regarding safety and that you hear me when I say that the ban on bare boat charters won't make the marina safer, it will drive LA residents to illegal charter operators who put people at much greater risk.

Thank you for your time.

A PROJECT OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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To the Esteemed Board of Supervisors,
Thank you for your continued service in these challenging times.

I write to you today on behalf of LARRP and the broader reentry service provider community to express our support for **continued and expanded funding for reentry programs** such as ODR (Office of Diversion and Reentry), ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration), and FIST/MIST (Felony/Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial) community beds.

LARRP is the largest county-wide network of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and advocates that works to ensure that our justice-involved reentry system meets the needs of those we serve, both in terms of capacity and public policy. We represent stakeholders across the whole of Los Angeles County. We join with dozens of organizations serving and advocating for formerly and currently incarcerated people to voice our support for solidifying and growing ODR, while advocating for a massive expansion of resources and support for decarceration and alternatives to incarceration. This process, however, should not be done through the creation of a new department which will create years of delays and diminished service capacity. Rather, we urge the board to direct resources to the programs as they exist and expand the support provided to the thousands of individuals working in the reentry space.

Over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has shown remarkable leadership by moving the county away from a punitive criminal justice system to one based on a 'Care First, Jail Last' philosophy. With the creation of ODR, the BOS reshaped the manner in which the county provided services to people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. For the first time there is a "justice lane" of direct services for our reentry populations, which has allowed us to expand and professionalize services in community-based settings, reduce reliance on incarceration, and reinvest those valuable and limited resources in the community. ODR has streamlined data systems, hired, and trained a cadre of culturally competent justice focused staff, and demonstrated what a 'Care First, Jail Last' approach looks like every day. We should be now adding qualified people with lived-experience to their team and build out the services we know work.

We know that diversion and reentry services overlap, we are often serving the same people at different stages in their recovery or reintegration. And while the majority of people needing services after incarceration have clinical needs, some need housing or only employment support. We do not need to divide and silo out our reentry community, but rather meet them where they are at, currently enrolled in MIST, FIST, RICMS, H4H, SECTOR, DOORS, and expand those programs and others.

LARRP has worked closely with the community, ODR, ATI, and other bodies to understand the needs of this population. We believe that there are more immediate solutions that can be taken in order to strengthen our current infrastructure and develop plans for the near future to support these organizations. Namely, we propose:

1. Creating a holistic system of care for individuals returning to the community which emphasizes access to resources such as housing, employment support, benefits, etc.
2. Providing adequate funding to ODR and community CBO's to set up the estimated 5000 beds needed to support individuals with mental health and substance use disorders
3. Committing to fully closing Men's Central Jail on a concrete timeline
4. Ensuring further plans for future prisons are not enacted and instead the Board pivots to direct more dollars to direct services with opportunities for community input
5. Giving ODR the ability to develop an independent pretrial service agency
6. Arranging opportunities for the ATI workgroup to provide input and guidance to the ATI office on community affairs and feedback

Now, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the MCJ Closure Report, and the two-year anniversaries of Measure R and ATI, we see this proposal coming out which threatens to further complicate the system of offices and departments that work at the intersection of reentry, housing, homelessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and a host of the key issues facing the county's most vulnerable populations.

The most urgent need is an increase in community beds, and the reentry department inside of ODR is best suited to create and oversee these beds we so desperately need. While we spent years chairing and serving on Commissions and Workgroups, years later very few community beds have been added to achieve MCJ closure or significantly reduce the jail population. Meanwhile the mental health population in the jail continues to rise, with an ever-growing disproportionate number of Black incarcerated people with mental illness.

We at LARRP believe that changing the structure of the county's "care first" approach rapidly and without ample input from the community may delay or eliminate the expansion of critical county resources we already know work for some of our most vulnerable community members.

We have a responsibility to work with the most impacted populations, and to ensure that the criminal justice system and other "systems of care" make true impact and do not cause further harm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at troyvaughn@lareentry.org.

Sincerely,

Troy Vaughn
Co-Founder & Executive Director, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership



Motion #22

To The Honorable Members Presiding:

My name is Randall E. Ellis, I was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison at the age of 16. I served 40 years before finally being paroled in February of 2021. And returning home with little or no family left has been difficult, over those 40 years I lost everyone, Mother, Grandparents and uncles, the people who raised me.

I was fortunate however to have some re-entry support, from my transitional housing program, and the very wise community of Community Health Workers who guided me through the process of reentry, their support has been invaluable, it has helped me to continue to pursue my education and become a contributing member of society.

They have also taken me under their wings and guided me, trained me and shown me how to do the difficult work of Community Health Work. This has enabled me to be able to be employed as a Community Health worker, CHW. Where I too work with those who are returning from periods of incarceration, serving over 30 clients I'm able to assist them in the same ways I was assisted with reentering society.

More importantly I can have a lasting impact on many of their lives, so that they can begin to live a more meaningful and productive life and be more supportive of their families and communities. Having the necessary resources to do this work is priceless, and the knowledge and experience gained for the team of CHW's I work with at the Good Seed/ Ascent, is life changing.

If we are serious about prison reform and alternatives to incarceration, I urge the panel to adopt Motion # 22, and give our citizens a chance to have a positive impact on their lives and the lives of others, it imperative that we begin to put our money where our mouth is, so that countless lives are not wasted with endless spirals of incarceration.

Thank you for listening and thank the wonderful courageous supervisors for sponsoring this beautiful piece of legislation.

Sincerely

Randall E. Ellis, CHW



February 23, 2022

Via E-Mail

Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: "Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System."

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We oppose creating a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department within Los Angeles County as currently proposed. Supervisor Kuehl's motion correctly states that "[t]he County has sufficient studies and recommendations" and that "what is needed now is to make decisions and move toward implementation" to make the Care First, Jails Last vision a reality. The proposed Justice, Care and Opportunities Department, however, is not the most effective step toward implementation available to the County. The Department threatens the viability of one of the most successful justice partners created by the Board: The Office of Diversion and Reentry. Moreover, the County does not need a new department to take long overdue steps necessary to move the Care First Jails Last vision forward: (1) lift the cap on ODR housing, (2) stand up an independent pretrial agency, (3) establish a timeline to close Men's Central Jail, and (4) track progress toward creating a system of care.

The proposed department does not reflect stakeholders' input, concerns, or needs

Supervisor Kuehl played an instrumental role in moving the County to a Care First, Jails Last approach. She achieved this success in part by bringing together advocates and stakeholders with a deep knowledge of the problems and opportunities in the County's care and carceral systems. The motion, however, came as a surprise to these same stakeholders. Deficiencies in the motion reflect a lack of input from voting members of the ATI workgroup, the MCJ closure

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workgroup, ODR, and community partners who are deeply knowledgeable and invested in the many County committees. A new Department that completely reshapes the provision of service in the County cannot be established on such a short timeline without guidance from those who are invested and working toward the Care First vision. While there may be a need for consolidating the many work groups that the Board has created and reconfiguring responsibilities among different county departments and offices that have a role in implementing Care First, Jails Last, any consolidation and reorganization should occur only after a process that includes substantial input from stakeholders.

The Board must not take ODR out of the Department of Health Services
Directive two asks the CEO to analyze “whether clinical jail-based services should be integrated into the JCOD or remain within the Department of Health Services.”¹ ODR cannot be removed from DHS.

We recognize that ODR has both clinical and non-clinical programs (e.g., LEAD). ODR’s clinical programs, however, cannot receive necessary funds if housed outside of a health department and require leadership that can only be provided by a health department. As an example, moving ODR into a justice department threatens state funding for FIST-CBR. There are currently 415 people in this program, receiving effective treatment, outside of our jails. If state funding for FIST-CBR disappears, there is no assurance that the new Department will have the access to clinical funds and expertise needed to care for this vulnerable population outside of jail.

Moving ODR outside of a health department also threatens the idea of Care First. Care First must mean centering care outside of the criminal justice system, not creating a justice department with care as a goal. Centering the Care First portion of Care First, Jails Last in the Department of Health is the most effective way to provide care and best expresses the County’s commitment to Care First. The Board cannot move provision of care into a brand-new department without expecting a drastic drop in the level of services as the Department works to gain the expertise needed to provide that care.

¹ It is not clear whether the directive is contemplating moving Correctional Health Services, whose sole function is to provide “clinical jail-based services,” out of DHS and into JCOD. But regardless of the myriad problems with the provision of medical and mental health care in the jails, including those identified by the monitor in the jails mental health decree between the United States and the County, CHS must remain part of DHS rather than being moved to a department that may not even be headed by a clinician.

ODR has a proven track-record and provides greater transparency than many County entities through its [online data dashboard](#). It is one of the Board's great successes and deserves additional investment to expand. Placing it in an untested justice department is too great a risk.

The Board does not require a new department to take the first steps needed to close Men's Central Jail

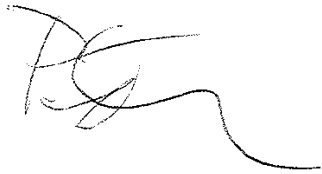
The motion reaffirms the Board's commitment to closing Men's Central Jail and establishing the systems and community resources needed to get people out of jail and into systems of care. Setting up a new Department risks setting the County back. Rather than pouring energy into a new bureaucracy with the attendant learning curves and need to establish credibility, the Board must first act on its own authority, using readily available resources.

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Subject: FW: LAYUP and JusticeLA Coalitions Letter re: Justice, Care and Opportunities Department
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The following correspondence is being forwarded to you for your information/review. See below and attached.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Executive Office

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Subject: LAYUP and JusticeLA Coalitions Letter re: Justice, Care and Opportunities Department

Good evening,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Los Angeles Youth Uprising and JusticeLA Coalitions, collectively representing over a hundred community-based organizations and advocates.

We write to you regarding the "Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System," motion introduced by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl on February 15, 2022. After weeks of internal conversations we have come together to urge the Board to reconsider the JCOD motion.

Please see the attached letter outlining our concerns and recommendations for how to move forward. Representatives from our coalition are available to speak with any of you about the content of the letter and ways we can work together to continue implementing the care first, jails last vision.

Thank you,

Ivette Alé, Dignity and Power Now
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“A prayer for the wild at heart kept in cages.” — Tennessee Williams



February 22, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:
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Sent via email

Re: Proposed Motion “Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System.”

Honorable members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

We are writing in regard to the motion “Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System,” introduced by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl on February 15, 2022. We appreciate Supervisor Kuehl’s leadership and commitment to making the care first, jails last vision a reality in Los Angeles County. However we have significant concerns that this motion does not address – and may even interfere with – the County achieving important priorities necessary to realizing that vision. We hope you will consider our concerns in determining how to move forward.

This motion does not align with the Board’s commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined and the work of the Youth Justice Advisory Group

On November 24, 2020, this Board unanimously passed the motion “Youth Justice Reimagined: A New Model for Youth Justice in Los Angeles County,” endorsing the plan of the Youth Justice Work Group to move all youth out of the Probation Department into a new Department of Youth Development (DYD) by 2025. Since that time, the Youth Justice Advisory Group (YJAG) convened for almost a year to guide the implementation of this plan, with a work group specifically dedicated to standing up a DYD. As recently as January 21, 2022, the CEO [reported back](#) on the substantial work that has been done to stand up a DYD by July 1, 2022, including the creation of a “Draft Specification for Foundational Department of Youth Development Youth Development Specialist Classification” to begin staffing this new department. In addition to planning for the launch of the DYD, other YJAG work groups have extensively explored and planned for the launching of new initiatives such as Youth Development Network pilot sites, staffing

the camps and halls with “credible messengers” that link to re-entry services, and the launching of a pilot Youth Empowerment and Support Team to support youth development and end criminalization in schools.

The Board of Supervisors needs to stay firm in its commitment to Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR) and create a new Department of Youth Development no later than July 1, 2022, but preferably before the final budget is passed in June. A department dedicated to youth development will allow the county to properly incubate and nurture the foundational components of YJR, which the YJAG has been planning for and to effectively advocate for needed legislative change. In creating the 2020 YJR report, the Youth Justice Work Group worked for ten months and explored various county structures. They concluded a DYD is needed to adequately address the broad needs of young people with an **asset-based, youth development approach**, and to adequately undertake the full responsibilities of juvenile probation. This structure will allow for offices to specialize and focus on necessary components through an Office of Youth Development; Office of Youth Diversion and Restorative Practices; Office of Research, Innovation and Capacity-Building; Office of Youth Housing and Reentry; and an Administrative Office. Through work such as Youth Development Network sites, credible messengers in the camps and halls, and YES teams, the YJAG is already working on critical components of YJR which go far beyond the scope of diversion and need to be housed in at least three of these specialized offices to give them the attention and specialization needed to properly implement, evaluate and scale these efforts.

Furthermore, creating the Department of Youth Development will enable the County to more effectively advocate for the legislative changes needed to fully move youth out of the jurisdiction of the Probation Department, because it will be able to point to an existing department, not an office, that can take on these duties and responsibilities. We understand that creating a new Department is a massive undertaking, which is why we feel it is necessary to start now, rather than spending years creating a “Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department,” largely dedicated to the needs of adults, that will exhaust a massive amount of County resources including time, staff capacity, and millions of dollars for added bureaucracy.

The failure to meet the unique needs of young people can create harm which affects people for their entire lives and ripples across families and whole communities. For this reason, a department solely dedicated to youth is necessary to build a strong future for Los Angeles County. The needs and lives of youth differ radically from those of adults. Young people are in a completely different state of development, and they are uniquely impacted by school, family, and social dynamics. They are also governed by a distinct set of laws and regulations. If the Board abandons the established plan of creating a new Department of Youth Development the unique needs of youth will be short changed, and will be diluted in a new department tasked with a long list of complicated undertakings, including addressing acute behavioral health needs and providing pretrial services to thousands of adult individuals each year. We believe all of these services are urgently needed, but we have grave concerns about lumping the unique needs of youth into a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department that is primarily focused on adults. Detouring from the established plan of creating a DYD also means it may never be created, and LA County will continue to miss the opportunity to create a stronger future for our young people.

The motion does not meaningfully incorporate the recommendations of the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group, the MCJ Closure Work Group, the Gender Responsive Advisory Body, the Jail Population Reduction Council, and the Care First Community Investment Advisory Body.

This motion does not align with the Board's stated commitment to a Care First, Jails Last vision. The roadmaps and guidelines for building transformative change already exist in the [Care First, Jails Last Report](#), the [MCJ Closure Report](#), the [GRAC recommendations](#), [Vera's Care First L.A. dashboard](#), and [Measure J Year One Spending Recommendations](#). Numerous County-created workgroups, and advisory bodies have repeatedly called for actions to be taken immediately to achieve the Board's stated commitments to Care First and Jails Last. Community and county stakeholders, including hundreds of people most impacted by incarceration, have contributed thousands of hours of work recommending concrete steps to provide meaningful alternatives to incarceration and to close MCJ within 18-24 months. A Care First approach must center community input. Advocates and those integral to the County departments involved in this motion did not have sufficient time to weigh in and there was no transparent conversation that included all stakeholders. Many of the solutions that impacted community members and advocates have been asking for, through intensive stakeholder processes, are achievable right now. The creation of this new department is not necessary to move these things forward and, in some cases, will delay these needed changes even further.

While this motion seeks to address the need for pretrial services independent of Probation, it underutilizes existing county infrastructure and dismantles effective health driven models.

The Motion's directive to create a pretrial services agency independent of Probation has long been supported by the community and is feasible. ODR is well-positioned to take on pretrial services because that work aligns well with its RICMS and LEAD models. ODR is experienced in connecting justice-involved populations with clinical and non-clinical programs and services. Additionally, a pretrial services model under ODR will utilize experienced community health workers who can act as system navigators and peer support as originally envisioned by the ATI Work Group.

However, the Motion fails in other key respects. Specifically, it will be harmful to move ODR out of DHS and into an agency that is not focused on providing clinical services. ODR's supportive housing program, MIST ("Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial") and FIST ("Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial") programs and Department of State Hospitals (DHS) diversion programs are currently the most robust county-backed wrap-around comprehensive mental-health programs for justice involved populations and involve the provision of substantial clinical services. ODR provides the most effective programs that serve justice-involved people (ODR). Their success has been in large part due to the harm reduction, health driven approach that distinguishes the office. Moving ODR out of DHS is misguided and demonstrates a lack of understanding of the reforms of the last several years, where stakeholders envisioned a county guided by harm reduction and public health principles to achieve healthy and safe communities.

For the reasons ably stated by ODR's clinical director, Dr. Kristen Ochoa, in her public comments on this motion it is essential for ODR to remain within DHS.

Rather than considering moving ODR out of DHS into a new County department we urge the Board to focus instead on scaling up ODR's work with increased funding. ODR has helped the county trend in the direction we need for implementation of the care first vision. Unfortunately, the County has seemingly

failed to scale ODR's work to levels that would have a real impact on the jail population. Yet the Rand Corporation report, "[Estimating the Size of the Los Angeles County Jail Mental Health Population Appropriate for Release into Community Services](#)," notes that an estimated 61% of the mental health jail population are appropriate candidates for diversion and the MCJ Closure report identifies the the creation of thousands of community beds and reducing the population of people with mental illness in the jails as essential steps to fulfilling the Board's commitment to close MCJ. The Rand Report and analyses submitted by advocates support the need for a significant expansion of ODR's work.

The establishment of JCOD will result in further delay of the closure of Men's Central Jail.

We are two years out from the ATI Workgroup's Care First, Jails Last report and one year from the Men's Central Jail Closure (MCJ) Plan. The Board has committed to closing MCJ without a replacement but not a timeline for decarceration and closure. To close the jail, the MCJ Closure Workgroup plan was clear that the county needs to decrease the mental health population significantly, among other vulnerable groups. County and community stakeholders have consistently agreed that the way to do this is to immediately scale up programs supporting releases for people with mental health needs—particularly those capable of working with people charged with felonies—and to fund community-based treatment beds. To date, the county has not acted meaningfully on either.

The most urgent need is an increase in community beds. The numbers currently under discussion are not nearly enough. Very few community beds have been added to achieve MCJ closure. Also, ODR is effective as the only program that courts trust consistently to support release for people with serious mental health conditions and serious felonies. Yet, there has been no serious investment in expanding ODR. The ODR portal has been closed since April, preventing the referral or release of any new eligible individuals from jail into ODR housing. This is happening all while the mental health population in jail continues to rise. The one program that actually moves large numbers of people out of jail should not be destroyed.

Reorganizing the entire structure of the county's "care first" approach does not further these two critical strategies and instead threatens to either delay or eliminate the expansion of critical county resources we already know work for some of our most vulnerable community members.

Truly effective Board action will do the following:

1. Stand up a Department of Youth Development by July 1, 2022 and allocate at least \$75 million to the new Department for FY 2022-23 by reducing the Probation Department's juvenile operations budget. Provide guarantees that tens of millions of dollars will not be further invested into youth jails and prisons.
2. Outline clear and concrete mechanisms for community input before any consolidation of county departments and commissions.
3. Immediately establish an independent pretrial services agency to be housed under the Office of Diversion and Reentry.
4. Commit to substantial investments in new community beds, at least \$237 million, in ODR, DMH, SAPC and LAHSA.

5. Commit to adding 4,000 community beds for mental health, substance use disorder, and general housing over a 2-year period.
6. Commit to a concrete MCJ closure timeline and provide benchmarks for achievement.
7. Revive the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group voting membership to provide real accountability and oversight to the ATI Office. Develop and outline processes to survey the county landscape and determine most effective locations for the ATI office as well as the other relevant county workgroups/commissions.

Sincerely,

The Los Angeles Youth Uprising Coalition & the JusticeLA Coalition

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To the Esteemed Board of Supervisors,
Thank you for your continued service in these challenging times.

I write to you today on behalf of LARRP and the broader reentry service provider community to express our support for **continued and expanded funding for reentry programs** such as ODR (Office of Diversion and Reentry), ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration), and FIST/MIST (Felony/Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial) community beds.

LARRP is the largest county-wide network of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and advocates that works to ensure that our justice-involved reentry system meets the needs of those we serve, both in terms of capacity and public policy. We represent stakeholders across the whole of Los Angeles County. We join with dozens of organizations serving and advocating for formerly and currently incarcerated people to voice our support for solidifying and growing ODR, while advocating for a massive expansion of resources and support for decarceration and alternatives to incarceration. This process, however, should not be done through the creation of a new department which will create years of delays and diminished service capacity. Rather, we urge the board to direct resources to the programs as they exist and expand the support provided to the thousands of individuals working in the reentry space.

Over the past several years, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has shown remarkable leadership by moving the county away from a punitive criminal justice system to one based on a 'Care First, Jail Last' philosophy. With the creation of ODR, the BOS reshaped the manner in which the county provided services to people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. For the first time there is a "justice lane" of direct services for our reentry populations, which has allowed us to expand and professionalize services in community-based settings, reduce reliance on incarceration, and reinvest those valuable and limited resources in the community. ODR has streamlined data systems, hired, and trained a cadre of culturally competent justice focused staff, and demonstrated what a 'Care First, Jail Last' approach looks like every day. We should be now adding qualified people with lived-experience to their team and build out the services we know work.

We know that diversion and reentry services overlap, we are often serving the same people at different stages in their recovery or reintegration. And while the majority of people needing services after incarceration have clinical needs, some need housing or only employment support. We do not need to divide and silo out our reentry community, but rather meet them where they are at, currently enrolled in MIST, FIST, RICMS, H4H, SECTOR, DOORS, and expand those programs and others.

LARRP has worked closely with the community, ODR, ATI, and other bodies to understand the needs of this population. We believe that there are more immediate solutions that can be taken in order to strengthen our current infrastructure and develop plans for the near future to support these organizations. Namely, we propose:

1. Creating a holistic system of care for individuals returning to the community which emphasizes access to resources such as housing, employment support, benefits, etc.
2. Providing adequate funding to ODR and community CBO's to set up the estimated 5000 beds needed to support individuals with mental health and substance use disorders
3. Committing to fully closing Men's Central Jail on a concrete timeline
4. Ensuring further plans for future prisons are not enacted and instead the Board pivots to direct more dollars to direct services with opportunities for community input
5. Giving ODR the ability to develop an independent pretrial service agency
6. Arranging opportunities for the ATI workgroup to provide input and guidance to the ATI office on community affairs and feedback

Now, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the MCJ Closure Report, and the two-year anniversaries of Measure R and ATI, we see this proposal coming out which threatens to further complicate the system of offices and departments that work at the intersection of reentry, housing, homelessness, mental health, substance use disorders, and a host of the key issues facing the county's most vulnerable populations.

The most urgent need is an increase in community beds, and the reentry department inside of ODR is best suited to create and oversee these beds we so desperately need. While we spent years chairing and serving on Commissions and Workgroups, years later very few community beds have been added to achieve MCJ closure or significantly reduce the jail population. Meanwhile the mental health population in the jail continues to rise, with an ever-growing disproportionate number of Black incarcerated people with mental illness.

We at LARRP believe that changing the structure of the county's "care first" approach rapidly and without ample input from the community may delay or eliminate the expansion of critical county resources we already know work for some of our most vulnerable community members.

We have a responsibility to work with the most impacted populations, and to ensure that the criminal justice system and other "systems of care" make true impact and do not cause further harm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at troyvaughn@lareentry.org.

Sincerely,

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Dear Board of Supervisors - please find attached a letter from NAMI Greater LA County regarding Motion 22 on the Board of Supervisors agenda for March 1.

Thank you! t

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February 27, 2022

Re: "Care First, Jails Last: Revised Motion #22

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

NAMI Greater Los Angeles County (NAMI GLAC), a local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, was relieved to see Motion #22 revised from its original form to this revised edition for the advancement of our Care First, Jails Last vision. It is considerably closer to a structure we could consider supporting if only we had enough detail to make an informed decision. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

Care First, Jails Last has been driven by the various communities, community-based organizations, and stakeholders of Los Angeles County in partnership with our County government. The ideas expressed in the many motions covering this topic were initially written by the Alternative to Incarceration Workgroup in 2018 and the many county advisory bodies that have followed. With great support from the community, the Supervisors have embraced many of the ideas put forth from community stakeholders and helped us to advance many of those concepts into operationally effective programming. For that and the county partnership that was necessary, we are deeply grateful. However, today we are being asked to support a motion that was posted just a couple of days ago that contains only the broadest of concepts and little detail. No stakeholder meetings were held prior to this hearing that would have presented an opportunity for District 3 and the other Supervisors to lay out their plans in detail with time allotted for the community to ask questions and have their concerns heard. This practice does not breed trust but rather discontent, mistrust, and divisiveness between the county and the communities it serves. NAMI GLAC asks that the county pause this intended restructuring to allow for dialogue, substantive questioning, and the opportunity for the county to provide answers to specific questions so we can deliver an informed response. Not one meeting has occurred nor been scheduled to discuss these important changes to date before asking for a vote and that is unacceptable.

We have a few perspectives and concerns based on this revised Motion #22:

- Thankfully, healthcare and mental health care will remain under the Department of Health Services (DHS). To have done otherwise, would have been disastrous.
- The motion expresses that the "Board's various advisory bodies have given community advocates and stakeholders a real seat at the table..." We should follow through with that pledge and convene a meeting on this restructuring prior to calling for a vote on this Motion.
- There may be wisdom in blending the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Initiative and the Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT) into a new Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) and we would like to have the opportunity to participate in that discussion and ask questions. We can see how this could be a positive idea, but without any detail it is difficult to come to a conclusion.
- The Motion states that we should address "the need to expand non-health services such as employment, education, childcare, and family support, transportation and *non-clinical housing needs*." (Italics ours).



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- That is fine, but what is missing from this motion is any discussion of “clinical housing needs” and expansion. Higher functioning individuals should have access to a wide array of services that are appropriate for them. The population that lives with serious mental illness and more acute clinical challenges requires both housing and treatment options that promotes housing that heals and high quality mental health care developed to meet the needs of these individuals. Their needs are not addressed by this Motion. We will never discharge most of the people with serious mental illness from our jail system and finally close Men’s Central Jail without the multi-tiered placements and treatment options we keep talking about, but not building.
- How will this proposed restructuring and the request for more reports slow down the construction of new placement options to get more people out of our jail system with serious mental illness? Will we build and renovate new placements during this bureaucratic process, or will work come to a halt while we wait for yet more reports?
- We would like to know more about the Office of Adult Programs (OAP) and its taking over the reentry segment of the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR). Why is this a good idea? If ODR has been doing a good job with reentry programming, don’t fix what isn’t broken. It is a discussion worth having.
- How will the leadership of the OAP improve community-based diversion from what we have experienced until ODR had to shut down its programming to new individuals? And why has this occurred? We have been waiting months for transparency. Are there no beds or is there a lack of operational funding? Or both? Why is ODR in a deep freeze?
- Lastly, people who are justice-involved with **serious clinical needs** will not succeed in a normalized, one-size-fits-all pre-trial diversion program. Their pre-trial needs are more complex and require more clinical resources in addition to the community and services supports that all pre-trial individuals should receive. Their ability to navigate our county system is significantly reduced by their illness. We see nothing in this motion that addresses these issues.

NAMI Greater Los Angeles County asks for a brief pause and a comprehensive process that will provide clarity, transparency, and an opportunity to hear the details of this plan, and for us and other community partners to express the many perspectives that need to be heard before moving forward with this large restructuring. All of us have devoted so much of our time to the Care First, Jails Last vision. This is not the time to remove the community from this process.

Respectfully,

Mark Gale, Criminal Justice Chair
NAMI Greater Los Angeles County

Traute Winters, Executive Director
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